

TOWN OF FIFIELD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF November 5, 2015

ROLL CALL: Meeting was brought to order on November 5, 2015 at 6:07 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting that began at 6:00 p.m. at the Fifield Town Hall. Roll Call: D. Noetzel, J. Hintz, and J. Wierzba present. Also present were S. Putnam and 3 others.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2015: Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 regular board meeting. Motion approved, voice vote.

TOWN CREW REPORT: T. Fleming reported that the Town of Lac du Flambeau is working on claiming .48 mile of E. Turner Lake Road as a town road with the intent of turning over the General Transportation Aid money to the Town of Fifield for maintenance of the road. Fleming noted that the DNR "Notice of Termination" paperwork he did on Brahmstadt Rd apparently was lost. He is doing a permit for Berry Patch Road and will send that one certified mail – return receipt so that someone at the DNR must sign for it. The crew has been catching up on work including filling the salt shed. The steps at Movrich Park, accessing the swimming area will be replaced, if time allows.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: W. Felch, Fire Dept. #1 reported that activity was quiet. He has three firemen taking the driver operator class at NTC. The election of officers was held and all officers remained the same. Felch asked and was given permission to get quotes for refurbishing the 1988 GMC Tender since his department was turned down for their Federal grant request to purchase a new fire truck. T. Mantor, Fire Dept. #2 reported that activity was quiet. He reported that three new fireman have signed up. He will check out used tanks the DNR has available for \$1,100 each as part of an upgrade to the pumper on the back of their brush truck.

ADOPT 2016 BUDGET: Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to adopt the 2016 Town Budget, with a Town tax levy of \$243,657, Fire Department #1 levy of \$88,641 and Fire Department #2 levy of \$67,941, as approved by the Special Town Meeting. Roll call vote: Hintz – aye, Wierzba – aye, Noetzel – aye. Motion approved.

DISCUSS QUOTES FOR HIRING CONSULTANT FOR WATER & SOIL TESTING AT THE UST SITE – W7179 BALSAM ST.: Quotes were received from S E H for \$4,500, REI for \$2379.30 and Metco for \$1,691. **Motion (Wierzba, Hintz) to contract with Metco for water and soil testing at the UST Site at W7179 Balsam Street. Motion approved, voice vote.**

DISCUSS FIFIELD CRANBERRIES LLC REQUEST TO RENAME PLANET LAKE AS CEDE LAKE: Motion (Wierzba, Noetzel) to recommend to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council that they render a decision to rename Planet Lake to Cede Lake without the town's recommendation. Motion approve, voice vote 2-1. J. Hintz was in favor of rejecting the proposed name change.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: The board will review the draft of the employee handbook and discuss changes at a later date.

DISCUSS FILING AN AMICUS TO THE WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT III – CASE NO. 2015 AP 583: Chair Noetzel will call the Wisconsin Town's Association regarding filing an amicus brief. The board will review the appeal and rebuttal materials the clerk provided them. If board members agree, a special meeting will be called to discuss filing the amicus brief filing, due date November 16, 2015.

DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMITS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: W. Felch, President of the Fifield Sanitary District informed the board that the final draw from their CDBG funding for the lift station replacement project was denied because of MSA's late filing of the request. Options may include appealing the State's decision to deny the request and/or filing a claim with MSA under errors and omissions.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence included NWRPC's notice of the updated 2015-2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report for Northwest Wisconsin, Price County Highway Department's notice of the Town Road Improvement Committee meeting for November 11, 2015 that the Chair and T. Fleming will attend, notice for a UW-Extension Highway Safety workshop in Hayward that T.

Fleming would like to attend, Price County Zoning's notice that R. Mader has applied for a Special Exception permit for building a garage with a reduced road setback to Chizek Rd, Price County Highway Department's email noticing their Open House on November 11, 2015, Price Electric's notice of a planned power outage on November 11, 2015, solicitation for a Water Laws and Regulations workshop sponsored by Halfmoon Education Inc. email for a "Life after Prevailing Wage and Public Bid Basics" teleconference partnered by UW-Extension, Oneida County's notice of their adopted Farmland Preservation Plan, email from Angela Davis concerning the WI DOA's denial of the late file request by MSA for the final draw of CDBG funds for the Fifield Sanitary District's lift station replacement project, and Chair Noetzel's conversation with R. Severt regarding the appropriate means for disposing of fire extinguishers.

REVIEW INVOICES: Motion (Hintz, Wierzba) to accept invoices for payment. Motion approved, voice vote.

Adjourn: Motion at 7:30 p.m. (Wierzba, Hintz) to adjourn. Motion approved, voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Putnam, Clerk